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Unemployment Rates Down, Jobs Up in Every Metro Area Compared to June 2020

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	June 2021*	June 2020**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	5.4%	10.8%	-5.4
Carbondale-Marion	6.2%	12.6%	-6.4
Champaign-Urbana	5.6%	10.3%	-4.7
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	9.2%	15.7%	-6.5
Danville	7.1%	12.6%	-5.5
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	5.7%	11.3%	-5.6
Decatur	8.1%	14.8%	-6.7
Elgin	6.2%	13.8%	-7.6
Kankakee	6.8%	12.8%	-6.0
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	5.5%	11.5%	-6.0
Peoria	6.4%	13.6%	-7.2
Rockford	9.5%	16.5%	-7.0
Springfield	6.0%	12.5%	-6.5
St. Louis (IL-Section)	5.7%	12.7%	-7.0
Illinois Statewide	7.9%	14.4%	-6.5
* Preliminary ** Revised			

SPRINGFIELD – The number of nonfarm jobs increased over-the-year in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas in June according to preliminary data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). The unemployment rate decreased over-the-year in all metro areas.

“As the state continues to recover from the pandemic, today’s data highlights the economic progress made from a year ago,” said **Senior Advisor Andy Manar**. “With reopening activities continuing to evolve, IDES is hard at work to provide reemployment services to those individuals who lost work and are looking to rejoin the workforce.”

The number of nonfarm jobs increased in all fourteen Illinois metropolitan areas. The metro areas which had the largest over-the-year percentage increases in total nonfarm jobs were the Springfield MSA (+7.0%, +6,800), the Peoria MSA (+6.6%, +10,200), and the Lake-Kenosha IL-WI Metro (+5.8%, +22,300). Total nonfarm jobs in the Chicago Metro rose by +5.4% or +181,600. The industries that saw job growth in a majority of metro areas included: Leisure and Hospitality (fourteen areas); Government (twelve areas); Mining and Construction, Retail Trade, and Other Services (eleven areas each); Transportation, Warehousing and Public Utilities (ten areas); Manufacturing, Wholesale Trade and Educational and

Health Services (nine areas each); and Professional and Business Service (eight areas).

Over-the-year, the unemployment rate decreased in all 14 metropolitan areas; the metro areas with the largest unemployment rate decreases were the Elgin Metro (-7.6 points to 6.2%), the Peoria MSA (-7.2 points to 6.4%), the Rockford MSA (-7.0 points to 9.5%) and the Illinois section of St. Louis MSA (-7.0 points to 5.7%). The Chicago Metro unemployment rate fell -6.5 points to 9.2%.

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – June 2021

Metropolitan Area	June 2021*	June 2020**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	85,900	83,100	2,800
Carbondale-Marion MSA	53,900	52,800	1,100
Champaign-Urbana MSA	109,200	104,600	4,600
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,571,800	3,390,200	181,600
Danville MSA	26,800	25,700	1,100
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	179,700	170,400	9,300
Decatur MSA	48,200	45,700	2,500
Elgin Metro Division	243,800	230,700	13,100
Kankakee MSA	43,400	42,100	1,300
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	409,900	387,600	22,300
Peoria MSA	165,400	155,200	10,200
Rockford MSA	136,200	134,600	1,600
Springfield MSA	104,100	97,300	6,800
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	229,300	221,300	8,000
Illinois Statewide	5,808,100	5,495,400	312,700
*Preliminary **Revised			

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**Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates
(percent) for Local Counties and Areas**

Labor Market Area	Jun 2021	Jun 2020	Over the Year Change
Rockford MSA			
Boone County	9.6 %	16.1 %	-6.5
Winnebago County	9.5 %	16.5 %	-7.0
Cities			
Belvidere City	12.4 %	19.1 %	-6.7
Freeport City	7.6 %	12.6 %	-5.0
Rockford City	11.4 %	19.3 %	-7.9
Counties			
Bureau County	5.1 %	10.5 %	-5.4
Carroll County	4.2 %	9.9 %	-5.7
DeKalb County	6.2 %	12.6 %	-6.4
Henry County	5.0 %	11.2 %	-6.2
Jo Daviess County	4.1 %	11.9 %	-7.8
Kane County	6.2 %	14.0 %	-7.8
Lee County	4.7 %	10.3 %	-5.6
McHenry County	6.8 %	12.7 %	-5.9
Ogle County	5.9 %	11.9 %	-6.0
Stephenson County	5.8 %	9.9 %	-4.1
Whiteside County	5.2 %	12.1 %	-6.9

Rockford MSA

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 9.5 percent in June 2021 from 16.5 percent in June 2020. The last time the June rate was equal to or lower was in 2019 when it was 5.3 percent.

Total nonfarm employment increased +1,600 compared to June 2020.

The Manufacturing (-3,800) and Professional-Business Services (-500) sectors recorded employment declines over-the-year. Leisure-Hospitality (+2,900), Transportation-Warehousing-Utilities (+800), Other Services (+500), and Government (+500) had the largest payroll gains over the year.

Ogle County

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 5.9 percent in June 2021 from 11.9 percent in June 2020. The last time the June rate was equal to or lower was in 2019 when it was 4.1 percent.

Total nonfarm employment increased +1,375 over the year.

The Trade-Transportation-Utilities (-150) sector recorded the largest employment declines compared to one year ago. Construction (+700), Government (+450), and Leisure-Hospitality (+300) had the largest payroll gains over the year.

Stephenson County

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased to 5.8 percent in June 2021 from 9.9 percent in June 2020. The last time the June rate was equal to or lower was in 2019 when it was 3.8 percent.

Total nonfarm employment increased +550 over the year.

The Manufacturing (-75) and Educational-Health Services (-50) sector recorded the largest employment declines compared to one year ago. Leisure-Hospitality (+175), Government (+175), and Construction (+125) had the largest payroll gains over the year.

Note: Monthly 2020 unemployment rates and total nonfarm jobs for Illinois metro areas were revised in February and March 2021, as required by the U.S. BLS. Comments and tables distributed for prior metro area news releases should be discarded as any records or historical analysis previously cited may no longer be valid. The official monthly unemployment rate series for metro areas, counties and most cities begins in 1990. The official monthly nonfarm jobs series for metro areas begins in 1990 and for non-metropolitan counties it begins in 1999.

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